

Obit: Jim McKittrick



Funeral services for James "Jim" McKittrick, 73, of Groton will be 2:00pm, Monday, February 28th at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Grant Piehl will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Military rites will be conducted by the Groton American Legion Post #39.

Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel from 4-8pm Sunday with a prayer service at 7:00pm. Visitation continues Monday prior to services.

Jim died February 23, 2005 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

James Duane was born on April 3, 1931 to Glen and Mildred (Sigdestad) McKittrick in Day County. He was baptized at Bergen Lutheran Church in rural Bristol and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont. Jim attended country school north of Bristol and later Bristol High School. He enlisted with the United States Army and served from 1953-1955, during which he was stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Lewis, Washington. Following his discharge, he returned to South Dakota and made his home in Day County. He married Margaret Haviland Wright on August 6, 1952. Born to this union were three daughters; Roxanne, Melanie and Dawn. Jim was a longtime employee at both the Bristol and Webster grain elevators. On July 19, 1975 he united in marriage to Hazel Holland Rix. The couple made their home in Groton, where Jim managed the American Legion for nine years.

Jim was a member of the Groton United Methodist Church, Garden Club and Groton Senior Citizens. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, playing cards, morning coffee and watching school sports activities. Jim enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of Groton, five daughters; Roxanne Borders and fiancé Mike Ford of Westminster, CO, Melanie (Ted) Sedler of Beaverton, OR, Dawn (Greg) Haar of Miller, SD, Diane (David) Feller of Sioux Falls, Pamela (Douglas) Bahr of Groton, 12 grandchildren; Jennifer (Ryan) Rucktaeschel, Timothy Borders, Ted Sedler, Stephen Sedler, Loni Haar, Tara Haar, Troy (Jennifer) Bahr, Brian (Andrea) Bahr, Damian (Erin) Bahr, Dion Bahr (Katie Bull), Kris (Eric) Smith, Kevin Feller (Jane Lee), eight great-grandchildren; Zachary and Hunter Rucktaeschel, Austyn Sedler, Hunter Bahr, Jackson Bahr, Ashtyn Bahr, Parker and Keegan Smith and two brothers; Harley McKittrick of Andover, Roger (Dorothy) McKittrick of Anoka, MN.

He is preceded in his promotion to glory by his parents, two infant sons, one sister, Donna Peckham and one brother, Dale McKittrick.

Casketbearers will be his grandsons; Ted Sedler, Loni Haar, Tim Borders, Brian Bahr, Damian Bahr and Dion Bahr.

Honorary Casketbearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.